

REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record. Therefore, applicants accept the examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole and do not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. As to all claims for which the basis for allowance is otherwise clear from the record, no further limitation can be inferred from the examiner's statement under rule 104(e).

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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